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SUBJECT: COMMERCIAL OFFICERS CONFERENCE

REF: A. STATE 209417; B. PARIS 22357; C. LAKAS-VERSCHUUR

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1. DEPUTY CHIEF OF MISSION, GALEN L. STONE, WHO WILL BE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I. DURING THE PERIOD OF COMMERCIAL OFFICERS CONFERENCE HAS AGREED TO HOLD RECEPTION FOR CONFEREES AT HIS RESIDENCE EVENING OF OCTOBER 22, FROM 18:30 TO 20:00. PER REF C, POST UNDERSTANDS FUNDING FOR RECEPTION BEING ARRANGED BY WASHINGTON.

2. TO FACILITATE LOGISTICAL SUPPORT AND AVOID INDIVIDUAL RESERVATION REQUESTS FROM CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS FOR DIFFERENT HOTELS, EMBASSY REQUESTS DEPARTMENT TO NOTIFY POSTS CONCERNED THAT, AS PER REF B, A BLOCK OF 53 SINGLE ROOMS HAS BEEN RESERVED AT HOTEL PARIS SHERATON AT SPECIAL LOW PRICE OF FF122 EACH, INCLUDING TAXES AND SERVICE.

3. IN ADDITION TO PARIS OFFICERS INVITED PER REF A, EMBASSY WOULD LIKE TO DESIGNATE DEVINE, SAVAGE, AND THOUVENIN (SENIOR LOCAL EMPLOYEE IN COMAFF). AS TIME PERMITS, OTHER EMBASSY AND TRADE CENTER OFFICERS MAY PARTICIPATE IN CERTAIN PARTS OF AGENDA.

4. IN CONSULTATION WITH CONSULATES CONCERNED, EMBASSY UNCLASSIFIED

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WISHES TO DESIGNATE HICKS FROM NICE AND VEALE FROM

STRASBOURG AS CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS.

5. POST WISHES TO SUGGEST FOLLOWING TOPICS BE

INCLUDED IN AGENDA:

- A. BUDGETARY OUTLOOK FOR FY 1976-77 AS IT MAY AFFECT IMPLEMENTATION OF COUNTRY COMMERCIAL PROGRAMS.
- B. RECENT COMMON MARKET DEVELOPMENTS AND THEIR IMPLICATIONS FOR EXPORT MANAGEMENT, INCLUDING PROTECTIONIST POLICIES.
- C. ROLE AND EFFECTIVENESS OF TRADE CENTERS.
- D. CLEARER DEFINITION OF THE ROLE OF CONSULATES IN THE COUNTRY COMMERCIAL PROGRAM, INCLUDING THE SETTING OF REALISTIC GOALS AND EVALUATION OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS.
- E. INVEST IN U.S.A. PROGRAM IN LIGHT OF RECENT CIEP POLICY STATEMENTS AND CONGRESSIONAL ACTIONS.

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